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Guides



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The Gateway to Glacier Trail is an asphalt paved trail that allows the rider to ride from Hungry Horse to West Glacier, which is a small community just outside the west entrance of Glacier National Park. The vast majority of the trail is a dedicated multi-use trail, but at a couple of points it briefly does double duty as a sidewalk and in two cases it utilizes a seldom used asphalt road. It is great for a training run, a quick day ride, or for those traveling cross country on their way to Glacier National Park it's a nice break from having to travel on the shoulder of a somewhat busy Hwy 2.

A short, one-mile extension was built in 2020 in the nearby community of Columbia Falls along Highway 2, although this portion of the trail is not yet connected to the main route.

In any of the above cases you are never far from services, so if you need to refuel and recharge, such amenities are always close at hand. If you are riding cross country and are headed to Glacier National Park, there are several opportunities for you to camp prior to arriving at GNP too.

If you are accessing the trail from the southern end of the main route in Hungry Horse, take a right off of Hwy 2 onto the first street you come to located on the right, which is South Fork Drive. Having done that, make an immediate left onto Hungry Horse Boulevard. Ahead of you, you will see a large paved parking lot; park on the grassy side of the parking lot anywhere between South Fork Drive and Mountain Drive. The conveniences and accommodations on this main street through Hungry Horse (and for the next 10 miles) are too numerous to mention here — let's just say that you will never be far from your next bottle of water, pint of beer, bed, or campground.

The Gateway to Glacier Trail crosses Hwy 2 from the south side to the north side just as you enter the town of Coram. This crossover takes place at Hwy 2 and Seville Lane.

During your ride to Glacier, there are 2 deviations from the Gateway to Glacier Trail worth mentioning. One of those comes between mile marker 147 & 148 and the other between mile marker 151 & 152. In each case the path utilizes a seldom used stretch of Old Hwy 2 and requires that you travel 7/10 of a mile on each before rejoining the bike path.

As you come down the final hill you will see a sign for Glacier National Park on your right that indicates that GNP will be your next left turn. Trail users can continue on the path and it will turn into a concrete sidewalk that curves left and then goes under the Gateway-Glacier Park railroad bridge. Ahead of you you will see the little community of West Glacier. Continue down the sidewalk until you are in West Glacier, dismount, take a break and enjoy something to eat and drink at one of the local establishments.



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**States:** Montana

**Counties:** Flathead

Length: 12.6miles

**Trail end points:** River Road to MT Hwy 206 to Hwy 2 E (Hungry Horse) to Glacier National Park Gateway (West Glacier)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT

**Trail activities:** Bike,Inline

Skating, Walking, Cross Country Skiing

## Parking & Trail Access

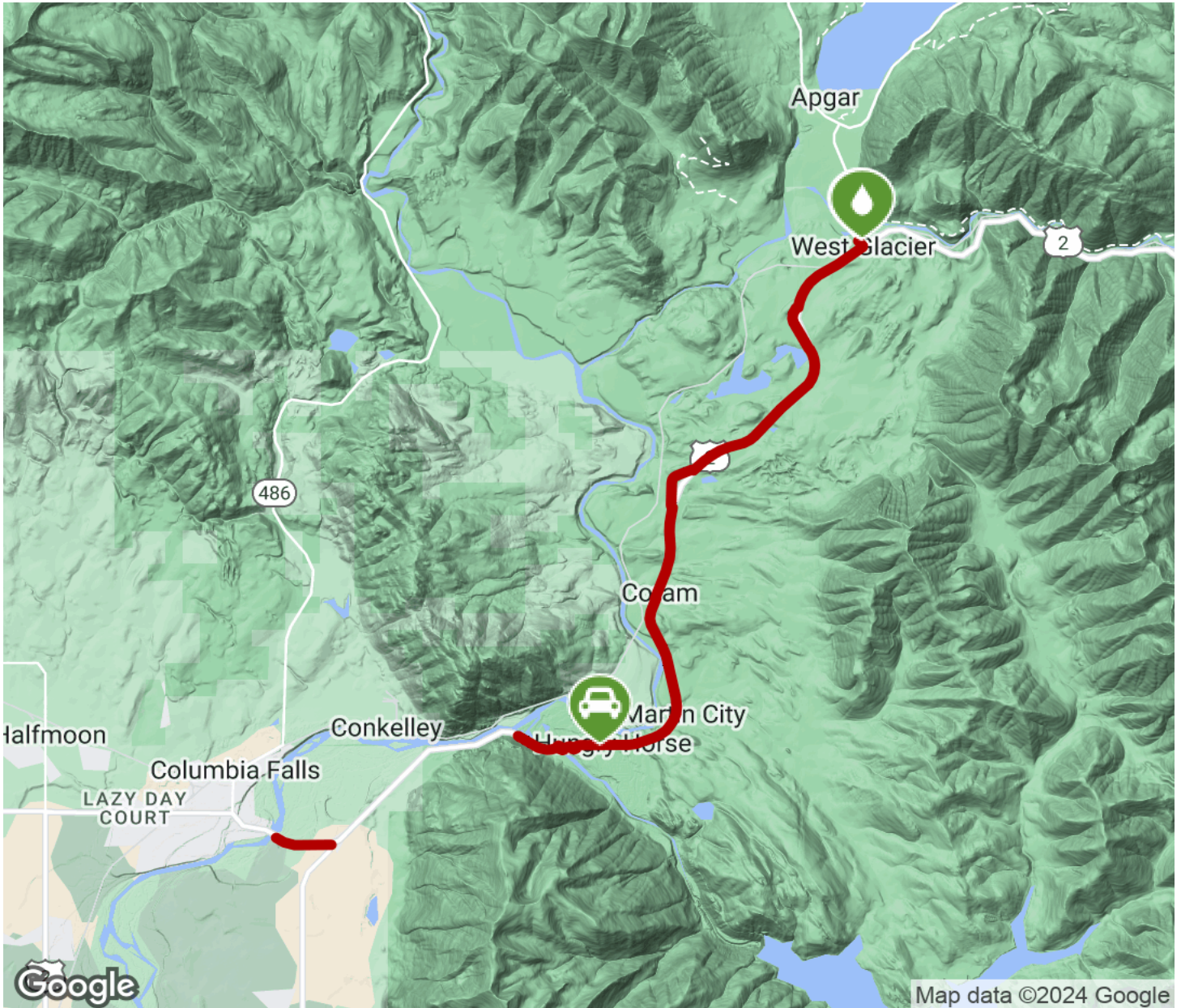
Southern end: In Hungry Horse, turn off of Hwy 2 on to Southfork Drive. You will see a large paved parking lot between you and Hwy 2, park on the grassy side of the parking lot anywhere between Southfork Drive and Mountain Drive.

Northern end: Exit Hwy 2 and enter the community of West Glacier. Park in the paved lot next to the Travel Alberta West Glacier Visitor's center located at 125 Going-To-The-Sun Rd, West Glacier, MT.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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